

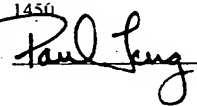
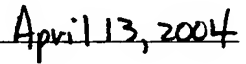


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- (a) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/067,481 of Yamamoto et al. filed February 5, 2002; and
- (b) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/282,728 of Yamamoto et al. filed October 29, 2002.

Copies of the claims and drawings of commonly-owned U.S. patent applications are enclosed herewith.

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